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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties July 2015
FROM: Gayl R. Mazuco, Director of Representation *grm*
RE: 2015/2016 OPEN PERIOD FOR FILING REPRESENTATION PETITIONS

The periods for the filing of timely representation petitions where there is a current agreement in effect are as follows:

1. Employees of the State of New Jersey, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 240 and 270 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. The period is Friday, October 2* through Wednesday, November 4, 2015** (inclusive), where the agreement expires June 30, 2016.
2. Employees of a county or municipality, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 90 and 120 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. The period is Wednesday, September 2 through Friday, October 2, 2015 (inclusive), where the agreement expires December 31, 2015; and the period is Wednesday, March 2, 2016 through Friday, April 1, 2016 if the agreement expires on June 30, 2016.
3. Employees of a school district: a petition may be timely filed during the period between Tuesday, September 1 and Thursday, October 15, 2015 (inclusive), within the last year of the agreement. This time period is also applicable to employees of county colleges.

"Contract expiration date" is the last effective date of the contract. A contract with a term of longer than 3 years will be treated as a 3-year agreement to determine filing times. N.J.A.C. 19:11-2.8(d).

Petitions filed with the Commission after the close of business on the final day of the open period will not be considered timely filed. An original showing of interest (not copies), as defined by the Commission's Rules, must accompany the petition in order for the petition to be considered as effectively filed.

A Petition for Certification should state whether the Petitioner seeks certification by card check or by election. Forms are available on the Commission's web site.

*Since the first day for filing falls on Sunday, October 4, 2015, we will accept filings beginning Friday, October 2, 2015.

** Since the last day for filing falls on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, which is a State holiday (Election Day) we will accept filings until Wednesday, November 4, 2015.